

Internal NC TAZs

The methodology divides North Carolina into 139 TAZs. In the rural areas, there are 88 counties as TAZs. In the urban areas the counties are divided into smaller metro geographic TAZs. The 12 NC metro counties contain 51 TAZs. The metro counties are Gastonia, Mecklenburg, Cabarrus, Rowan, Davidson, Forsyth, Guilford, Alamance, Orange, Durham, Wake, Brunswick and New Hanover. The rules for developing metro TAZs are:

- Major routes (Interstates/ US routes) are often boundaries of TAZs.
- Census tracts in urban areas are aggregated into TAZs, and no TAZ boundary cuts through census tracts.
- It is convenient to have natural features as TAZ boundaries.
- Except for Charlotte, downtown areas are separate TAZs. Charlotte's large area has several TAZs.

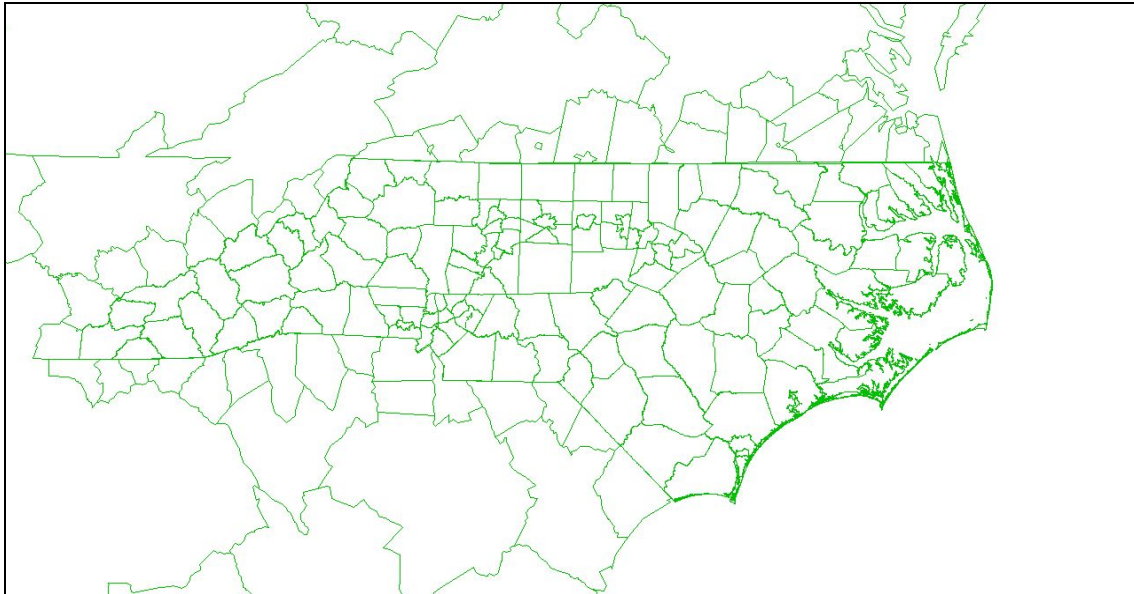


Figure 6 North Carolina Truck Network Model Internal and Buffer TAZs